

Minutes for November 5, 2013 meeting of the Board of Assessors

Present: Marion Clark, Peter L. Curtin, Timothy Taylor

Meeting convened at 6:07 p.m.

Signed:

Warrant for Real Estate Tax in the amount of \$642,830.77

Total tax for 2014 is \$1,174,984.62

Warrant for Personal Property Tax in the amount of \$45,999.95

Total tax for 2014 is \$81,535.41

Notice of Commitment for Real and Personal Property Tax

Warrant for Goose Pond Maintenance District Tax in the amount of \$16,007.78

Total tax for 2014 is \$37,668.25

Notice of Commitment for District Tax

Bill Cover Letter in the amount of \$175

The Tax Rate was approved on October 31st at \$6.58, an increase of .58 from last year. The Goose Pond Maintenance District tax rate was approved on November 1st. All data was loaded on the Collector's computer today.

The BCAA fall meeting was held on October 24th at Skyline CC in Lanesboro. Joanne Graziano, the new head of the Division of Local Services was the speaker. She is much less of a bureaucrat than Marilyn Browne, and it looks like conditions will improve.

Discussed copier replacement. The copier we have is getting old enough that parts are difficult to obtain. MacFarlane quoted us a price of \$3,469 for a new copier, or a used copier for \$1,295. Given the number of copies we make in a year, Mr. Taylor recommended we use the four-function HP unit we have to make letter size copies, and a large format printer can be used to make copies of our maps off of pdf files that we have. The cost of a printer would be about \$250. The Board agreed that this makes more sense for us.

Noted the results of the All Boards meeting that was published by the selectmen. Mr. Taylor will work on the response. Our board operates under Massachusetts General Laws, not town by-laws, so this will affect the construction of our input.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.